

**CHAPTER NO. 683**

**SENATE BILL NO. 2474**

**By Haynes**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 2644

By McMillan

AN ACT To amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 36, Chapter 1 and Title 36, Chapter 6, relative to children.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113(g), is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately numbered subdivision immediately after subdivision (6), and by renumbering subsequent subdivisions accordingly:

(\_) The parent has been convicted of or found civilly liable for the intentional and wrongful death of the child's other parent or legal guardian.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-6-106, is amended by designating the current language as subsection "(a)" and by adding the following new language, to be designated as subsection "(b)":

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, the court has jurisdiction to make an initial custody determination regarding a minor child or may modify a prior order of child custody upon finding that the custodial parent has been convicted of or found civilly liable for the intentional and wrongful death of the child's other parent or legal guardian.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-113(i)(6), is amended by deleting the words "other children" and by substituting instead the words "the child, or another child or adult".

SECTION 4. This act shall apply to all proceedings and petitions pending at the time of passage of this act and all arising on or after the effective date of this act.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 4, 2000**

  
JOHN S. WILDER  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
JIMMY NAIFEH, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2000**

  
DON SUNDQUIST, GOVERNOR